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Dear Danny:

Enclosed are several pages of detailed reaction to your drafts of December 20 and 28. As of this date, I have not received Ted's redraft so some of my observations may be overtaken by what he will do.

I have no problem with the discussion of options and the bottom-line position that we take. When the final typing occurs we should highlight our recommendations so that the reading eye will catch them more readily.

My big problem with the present draft revolves around Jim Croke's views (of December 17) that you have incorporated. I am afraid his enthusiasm has led you down the proverbial primrose path. While his argument is valid and I would not contest it, it is not space-related and thus is out of place in this report. I have elaborated this view more fully in points 10 and 11 of my detailed comments.

We ought to be cautious about suggesting that a new architecture will do wondrous things for space. My experience has been that magic bullets rarely exist for any problem, and that goes for space as well. It will be a combination of a number of actions, including a new building and perhaps some architectural overhaul, that will be needed. No one action is likely to be a cure-all.

I think that the architecture bit is especially sensitive because of ODP's longstanding love affair with big IBM machines; it will take a lot of careful argument and persuasion to affect ODP's position. Our report can contribute to such persuasion, but the real clincher will be to help ODP discover for itself the value of a different architecture. Thus, I have suggested an in-house study as a vehicle for helping such self-enlightenment.

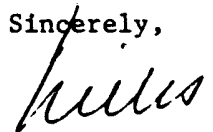
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I have worked some, but not all, of the detailed questions that you raised in your December 20 letter. It seemed better to await Ted's redo before addressing several of them.

Sincerely,



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